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PEACE BREAKING OUT IN BATTLE OF NOISY ROAD

'DEAFENING' RUMBLE STRIPS DID NOT SLOW DOWN MOTORISTS

Sleep-deprived residents in the Spencer area of Northampton have won their battle to have controversial rumble strips removed.

Last night Northamptonshire County Council finally agreed to remove the noisy surface in Gladstone Road, the noise from which had been likened to an aircraft taking off, after three years of campaigning.

Recent independent speed tests have verified that traffic speeds had not reduced, and in some parts actually increased, and did not justify disturbance to residents from the noisy imprint surface.

Councillor Gareth Eales (Lab), who led the campaign, said: "I'm absolutely delighted that our hard-fought campaign has finally got the outcome we wanted.

"I, and the Spencer-Dalington Residents Association, have maintained that traffic

speeds had not reduced and I knew our request for the speed tests would verify that and make the counter arguments from NCC untenable.

"I made a pledge to residents that I would not rest until we got an amicable resolution and I delivered on that.

"The next phase is engaging with residents to get some consensus on over what method and time frame the remedial works will be done, so I and the SDRA will be out knocking on doors once again and getting people's views."

The remedial works are to be undertaken by an NCC subcontractor at their expense, which means there is no cost to the taxpayer.

"The work is being lined up for May of this year and will either be done over seven consecutive weekends or a full week, the latter would mean some work being done overnight."



Councillor Gareth Eales pictured last year with fellow rumble strip protesters

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TOUR LAUNCH Team GB cyclist Harriet Owen launches the Women's Tour at the Northampton Guildhall last week. She is pictured above with county councillors Brendon Eldred, Heather Smith, Jim Harker and the mascot, Tobi

Women's bike tour brings in top cyclists

The women's tour cycling event that will pass through the county later this year was officially launched in Northampton last week.

The elite five-stage international event will see some of the world's best women cyclists competing on the county's roads.

Beginning in May, the first stage will start in Oundle and finish in Northampton.

Eleven of the world's top 14 professional women's teams

will be taking part in the inaugural event.

Joining the already-confirmed Marianne Vos and her Rabo Liv team will be the likes of Orica-AIS, Boels Dolmans, Specialized Lululemon and the Wiggle Honda team, featuring British Olympians Laura Trott, Joanna Rowsell and Dani King.

Alongside them will be the national side of the world's number one ranked nation, the Netherlands, plus a Great Britain national team, led by

Leicestershire's Lucy Garner.

British domestic team, Matrix Fitness-Vulpine, also earned an invite for the first UCI level stage race for women to take place in the UK, organised by SweetSpot Group, while UnitedHealthcare Pro Cycling's participation will mean Hannah Barnes will be racing in her home county of Northamptonshire on the opening day of The Women's Tour.

The Optum p/b Kelly Benefit Strategies team will also

travel from the USA to race, with the final two outfits for the 16-team, 96-rider field due to be announced in due course.

Guy Elliott, from organisers SweetSpot Group, said: "We are thrilled to be able to bring such a world-class field of teams to ride in the first ever Women's Tour. The race has attracted a wonderful field of elite riders from all over the world, which will be one of the strongest fields ever assembled for an elite women's international race."



Top Northamptonshire cyclist, Hannah Barnes

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Tension headache Typical symptoms include pain in both sides of the head that is often described as tight, stiff and constricting. These often occur in conjunction with tight musculature around the neck region.

Cervicogenic headache is a form of headache usually resulting from the muscles and joints of the neck. Common causes include neck injury/trauma, poor posture and stress. Symptoms may include restricted movement of the neck with associated neck, shoulder and arm pain.

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Potholes petition is

A petition signed by more than 1,200 people, calling for more Government money to fix potholes in Northamptonshire, has been handed into 11 Downing Street by Northampton MP Michael Ellis.

For the past 18 months, the Conservative MP for Northampton North has been campaigning for the Government to give more money to the county to help fund road maintenance.

Mr Ellis has invited the Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin, to the town to look at the state of the roads and see the innovative work the county council is carrying out to fix the potholes more efficiently.

The MP said he believed the county should be rewarded with more money in the next budget for its track record of delivering road improvements "efficiently and effectively".

Mr Ellis said: "I raised the issue of more money for Northamptonshire's roads for about the 10th time with George Osborne last week.

"I believe the petition could really help get more money for the



DOOR KNOCKING Michael Ellis delivers the petition to Number 11 last week

county and I'm really trying to put some pressure on the Chancellor before the Budget statement."

Mr Ellis has also written an official letter to the transport minister saying he thought it was right that councils which have a "proven

track record of excellent work, as well as an acute need for pothole repairs" should be rewarded with more money.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, will present his Budget on March 19.

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Bid to renovate ex-hospital site

The long-awaited renovation of the St Edmund's Hospital site in Northampton town centre could begin in the next year, according to the leader of the borough council.

Since the hospital closed in 1999, the 176-year-old building in Wellingborough Road, which was also a 19th century workhouse, has fallen into a state of disrepair and has been described as an eyesore.

Last year an application was made to English Heritage to remove the historic building's listed status, leading to fears it could one day be demolished.

But Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, said he had been talking to the building's owners and English Heritage to "drive forward" the refurbishment of the Grade Two listed building. Councillor Mackintosh



St Edmund's Hospital in Wellingborough Road was closed in 1999

was set to propose a motion at a full council this week asking that the council recognises the importance of the St Edmund's site as a key gateway to the town.

The motion states that a planning application will be submitted later this year and "all options will be kept open to ensure that the site is properly redeveloped".

Councillor Mackintosh

said: "We need the renovation to be in keeping with the historical aspect of the building and be properly useful for the future of the town."

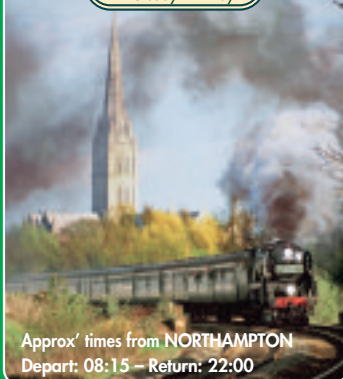
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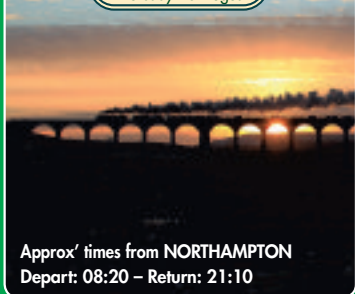
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Flood warning over plans for housing

A disaster to rival the tragic Easter floods of 1998 would occur if thousands of homes are built to the north and west of Northampton, a former council engineer has claimed.

Alan Hames, who worked as a civil engineer for planning authorities more than thirty years, said the drainage system in the town was completely unprepared for the surface water from 26,000 new houses, the plans for which will be ruled on by an inspector this month.

Mr Hames said: "If the town is unsustainable now in terms of drainage capacity, this is going to be much worse."

"The latest county council as-

essment of the risk of surface water flooding in the St James area of the town, is currently scheduled as being the highest in the whole county.

"It means that, when the adjacent Brampton Branch of the Nene is running at a high level, within the bank river walls built after the 1998 floods, the storm water outfalls from St James will no longer operate, as they will be submerged.

"The inevitable consequence is that the arising backup from surface water will overload the storm sewers and again cause flooding of the streets St James."

"That's the risk now. Imagine the effect of 26,000 new houses."

Two people died in the 1998

floods, which swamped St James and caused more than £80 million of damage.

The county council says in its flood report that it has identified the issues Mr Hames and the Nene Flood Prevention Alliance have raised.

But Mr Hames said: "The council has a legal duty to identify, assess and resolve issues related to surface water flooding, but to date have only identified the problem."

"When will we get a plan that attends to the acknowledged danger that hangs over St. James, together with the wider issues of anticipated flooding that affects the whole of Northampton?"

Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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Blackthorn workshops bid dropped by council

A relieved business owner booked a holiday to Portugal the moment he found out a supermarket's bid to buy his kebab shop site had been thrown out last week.

In November, Northampton Borough Council's cabinet agreed to explore the possibility of selling the Blackthorn Workshops, a block of 13 small businesses in Blackthorn Road to a developer.

A supermarket chain had shown an interest in the workshops site and the neighbouring former Blackthorn Middle School land.

This week, following a consultation with the 120 employees there, the council dropped the proposals.

Ray Mallia, who has owned Ray's Kebabs for 14 years with his wife, Julie, said: "We were so relieved we booked a holiday straight away. We had so much stress from it. We're getting on a bit now. I'm 57, there's was no way I could have started another business



Businesses at the Blackthorn Workshops protested a move to buy the site.

at my age."

A spokesman for the borough council said a consultation exercised was launched in November.

"Having met the businesses and listened to their views we agreed with them that the proposal should not go ahead and the workshops should

stay," he added.

MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, said he was 'delighted' about the dropped bid.

He said: "The council has clearly consulted, clearly listened and decided that this is not wanted."

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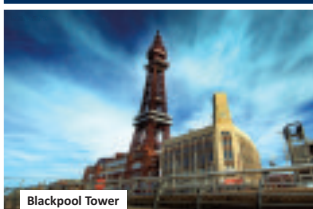
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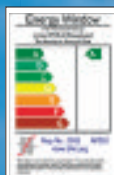


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Muhammad Ali backs new boxing app

Muhammad Ali is backing a mobile phone boxing app designed by the Northampton businessman who invented Boxercise.

Andy Wake, who owns Boxercise, has secured the endorsement of the world famous former heavyweight champion with an app that teaches people his signature moves.

Within five days of its release it went to number one in the App Store in the United States.

Mr Wake said: "This is the first time you can officially learn to do all the moves that made Ali famous. The great man has given this app his personal backing.

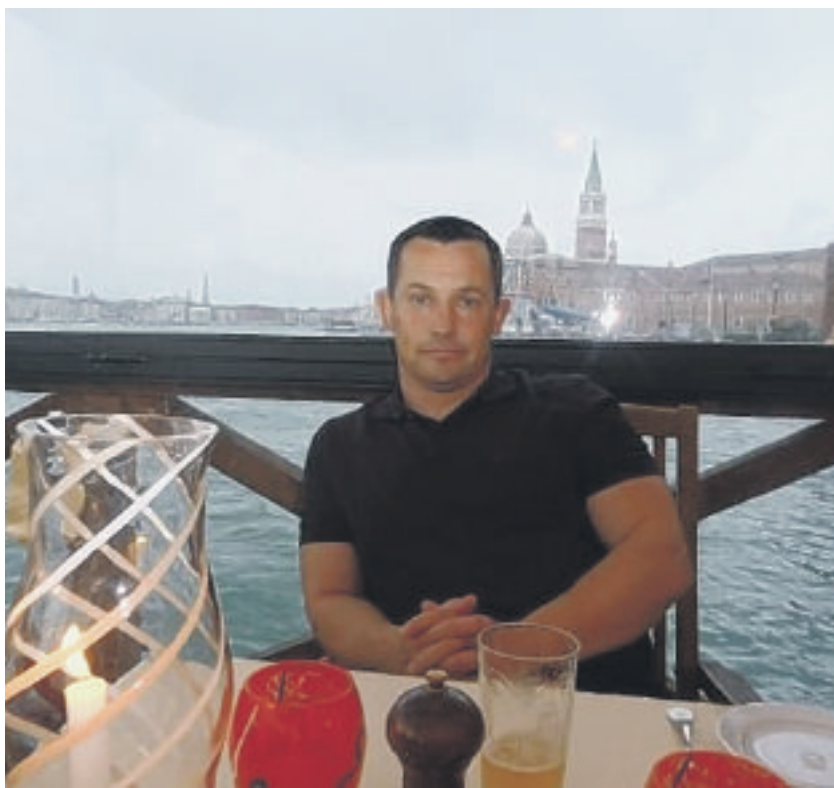
"More than two million people have taken part in Boxercise lessons, but people can train in the comfort of their home and learn some of Ali's signature moves.

"A study only last month showed most people don't have time to exercise. If this inspires more people to get off their backsides then that's brilliant."

The Boxercise app claims to teach people to 'float like a butterfly and sting like a bee', as well as train in all elements of Boxercise.

The video clips show how to do boxing-style training and users progress through the moves until they master them all.

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NEW DEAL Owner of Boxercise, Andy Wake from Northampton, has signed a deal with Muhammad Ali

learn how to imitate Ali himself.

Mr Wake, who was a boxer himself and is now a trainer, said: "Ali was the greatest in boxing so to be associated with

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Saints call for bumper Mobbs match crowd

The Saints are hoping for a bumper crowd at Franklin's Gardens for the annual rugby game to celebrate the life of Edgar Mobbs.

The Mobbs Memorial match to commemorate the former Saints' and England captain and World War One hero, between a Saints XV and The British Army, switches each year between Franklin's Gardens and Bedford Blues' Goldington Road ground.

In 2012, 3,500 supporters headed to Northampton to support the two teams, and the Saints hope to attract even more for the 7.45pm kick-off on March 19.

Saints' chairman Tony Hewitt said: "You cannot overstate how important a figure Edgar Mobbs is in Northampton, both within the club and also in the town as a whole

"All you have to do to see the impact he had is to look at the pictures of the homecoming parade and the unveiling of the Mobbs Memorial in the town centre. The fact the Mobbs Memorial Match was founded in the first place,



Action from last year's Mobbs Memorial match between Saints XV and the British Army

along with the Mobbs Memorial Trust, shows the extent of the respect that people had for him then and now."

After retiring from rugby, Mr Mobbs was refused a commission as, aged 32, he was considered too old. However he formed his own special corps, which became known as the Sportsman's Battalion.

Previously wounded three times, Mr Mobbs died while charging a German machine gun nest during the Battle of Passchendale in 1917.

Mr Hewitt said: "We are proud to be associated with the Mobbs Memorial match and it is sure to be an emotional occasion. It is our own piece of history and hopefully plenty of people will come to support it."

The day will also include the British Army's 'A' team taking on the East Midlands Under-21s and the Northamptonshire leg of the Elite Insurance Sevens Series – a tournament for Under-13 schools teams – as well as marching bands and displays of British Army equipment.

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Sir Michael set to retire as head at end of school year

The headteacher of Northampton School for Boys, Sir Michael Griffiths, has announced he is planning to retire at the end of the school year.

In a letter sent to parents, carers and students last week, Sir Michael said he would retire at the end of August.

Sir Michael, who was knighted in the New Year's Honours list, said the governors had been aware of his intentions for some time and plans for his replacement were "well under way".

He said: "It is with mixed feelings that I am writing to tell you that I have decided to retire at the end of this school year."

"I have worked in educa-



Sir Michael Griffiths

tion for 40 years, 13 of them as headmaster of Northampton School for Boys.

"It is time to hand over the reins to a new head to lead the

school into the next phase of its history.

"I am incredibly proud of the school, the staff and, of course, the students. I will miss them all.

"But I will be retaining a few interests in education.

"If there are any ways in which I can support the school, I will.

"The last 13 years as head, and indeed the six years as deputy in the 1990s, have been a joy.

"There have been so many changes, I hope most for the better.

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Music festival set to return

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Dozens of acts will take to stages across Northampton in June when the town's annual music festival returns.

Thousands of music fans descended on the Market Square and other venues around the town last summer for the Northampton Music Festival and organisers are hoping to build on its success.

This year's festival will take place on Sunday, June 22, a month earlier than last year in a bid to capitalise on the number of students still at the town's university.

Northampton Music Festival project director, Jo Burns said: "Planning is going really well.

"Since launching the website we have already had more than 80 bands apply to play in just under two weeks, which is amazing.

"There were five stages across the town last year and we're looking at having a similar number again, although they might not all be in the



FESTIVAL LAUNCH Organisers of Northampton Music Festival Lal Muttock and Jo Burns

same locations again."

Last year's festival featured a host of different genres all coming together to perform.

Organisers said this year's festival – which will again be

free – will see every taste catered for.

Co-organiser Lal Muttock, who hosts BBC Northampton's Introducing show, said: "We want all musical genres cov-

ered. This year we're going to try to cover more urban styles because there's such a massive hip-hop scene in Northampton.

"Last year there was a hip-

hop showcase on the main stage and because it was so successful we want to give it its own stage."

Mrs Burns added: "The event is for all generations of people across the town, we want something for everyone."

The festival's line up will be revealed in the coming weeks, with organisers explaining they are toying with the idea of a main headline act who is connected to Northampton, and has gone on to achieve larger commercial success.

Last year's acts included An Escape Plan, Decibels and Jay Brown. Mr Muttock said: "Last year was the first time we didn't have a 'major' headliner, but we decided to keep it 100 per cent Northampton and it worked really well.

"We have quite a good idea of who we want to play but we want to make sure we've got things completely right before any announcements."

Organisers are still appealing for bands and volunteers who want to perform or help out with the festival.

For more details, visit www.northamptonmusicfestival.co.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF

Museum marks life of poet

■ An exhibition celebrating the life and work of Northamptonshire peasant poet, John Clare, is opening later this month at Northampton Museum and Art Gallery. The exhibition marks the 150th anniversary of his death in 1864.

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Man, 22, hurt in car accident

■ A 22-year-old man was seriously injured in a car crash on a south Northamptonshire road.

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May he rest in everlasting peace.

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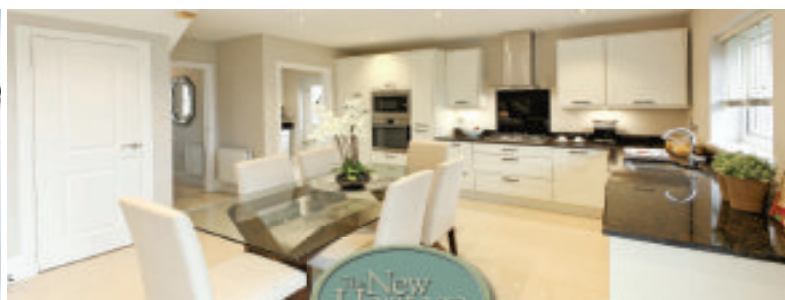
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Mallinder selection headache

Saints boss has to decide whether to keep rotating for LV= Cup Final

RUGBY UNION

Jim Mallinder faces another difficult selection process as he picks a squad for Sunday's LV= Cup final against Exeter Chiefs at Sandy Park.

The director of rugby has rotated players throughout the tournament, giving youngsters and men on the fringe of the first team a chance to shine.

He has been able to rest stars, knowing others can do the job, which was in evidence on Saturday as the likes of James Wilson, Jamie Elliott and Salesi Ma'afu were left out of the matchday squad.

Saints still managed to claim an impressive 26-7 semi-final success against Saracens and have won all five of their games on the way to this weekend's silverware shoot-out against the Chiefs.

And Mallinder now faces more tough choices as he bids to get the balance right once again.

"It always is difficult," he said. "We gave the players some rest earlier in the week, but we're back in now and we'll see where we are."

Meanwhile, Ethan Waller says he will use his Wanderers final disappointment to drive him on at Sandy Park.

The loosehead prop was part of the Saints second team which suffered a 29-20 defeat to Bath United in the Aviva A League final in December.

That Franklin's Gardens defeat was tough to take, but some of the players involved now have the chance to make amends in the LV= Cup trophy bid this weekend.

And Waller, who has started Saints' past two games, is one of the men desperate to claim the silverware at the expense of Exeter Chiefs.

"It's massively spurring me on," said the 21-year-old.

"I'm ready to put in a massive performance.

"Losing in the A League final was really disappointing for me. It was something we wanted after coming so close with the Wanderers in the past few years.

"But now I'm going to use that as motivation for next weekend."

Having won their past 13 games, Saints are still on the hunt for trophies on three fronts

And Waller said: "There's a really good feel around the place. It's the best it's been in a couple of years.

"We got to the final with the Wanderers and there's a real belief that this season is coming to a great climax for the first team."

Saints will be cheered on by 1,500 travelling fans on Sunday, but they will have to work hard to get themselves heard above the Chiefs supporters, who earned the right to play on home soil thanks to their semi-final win over Bath on Sunday.



GET IN THERE! - Saints centre George Pisi dives over for one of his hat-trick of tries in last Saturday's semi-final win over Saracens

PICTURE: LINDA DAWSON

Diamond's happy with life at the Cobblers

ZANDER DIAMOND says he is loving his time on loan at the Cobblers – and that is in stark contrast to his final weeks at parent club Burton Albion.

The central defender joined Town on a deal until the end of the season three weeks ago and so far his spell has been a complete success.

Ahead of Tuesday's trip to

FOOTBALL

Exeter City, Northampton had not lost with him in the side and on Saturday he opened his goalscoring account with a precious equaliser in a 1-1 draw at second-placed Scunthorpe.

Diamond was clearly unhappy at the Pirelli Stadium,

where he had found first-team football hard to come by with Ian Sharps and Shane Cansdell-Sheriff becoming Gary Rowett's preferred central defensive partnership.

"I'm loving every moment of it," he said of his time at Sixfields, in which he has cemented a place in the heart of the defence alongside Mathias

Doumbe. "Ever since I came into the football club I've been made to feel wanted and that's not something that was happening at Burton Albion.

"I came here to prove something and I'm very happy with the run of results we've had. We've won two, drawn two and had a couple of clean sheets thrown in there; I'm happy to

be delighted to be out there playing football.

"There are a lot of things that happened at Burton that I can't really talk about, I can't go into the politics of what dictated my move to Northampton too much.

"People can see it's not a fitness one, I've played every minute since I've been here

and I've trained in every training session.

"I enjoyed my time at Burton Albion and if it's to be the end, which I'm pretty sure it will be, then that's just the way it is."

The Cobblers are back on home soil on Saturday when they entertain Mansfield Town at Sixfields (ko 3pm).